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SUBJECT: BOMB INCIDENT NEAR AEROFLOT AND CZECHOSLOVAK AIR-
LINES

1. AT MARCH 9 NOON PRESS BRIEFING SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED
ABOUT MARCH 8 AIRLINES OFFICES BOMBING INCIDENT, AND HE
DREW FROM FOLLOWING PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCE:

2. QUOTE. AT 11:43 PM LAST NIGHT A BOMB WAS EXPLODED
ON 45TH STREET, AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE FIFTH AVENUE
ENTRANCES OF AEROFLOT AND CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES. THERE
WERE NO INJURIES, BUT SOME WINDOWS WERE BROKEN FOR HALF A
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BLOCK IN EACH DIRECTION AND FOUR STORIES UP. THE FIFTH

AVENUE ENTRANCES ARE GUARDED BY A NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT FIXED POST OF TWO MEN. THE POLICE WERE ON DUTY AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION, AND THE FACT THAT THEY WERE AT THEIR POSTS MAY HAVE PREVENTED THE BOMB FROM BEING EXPLODED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE OFFICES. POLICE AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING. WE, OF COURSE, DEPLORE SUCH ACTS, AND HAVE CONVEYED OUR CONCERN TO THE SOVIETS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. WE ARE ALSO EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN TO THE CZECHS HERE AND IN NEW YORK. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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